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UPDATED: Flu Shot Clinics Target High Risk Individuals

(Farmington, Utah) – Davis County Health Department announces Flu Shot Clinics starting Monday, November 8th. Due to this year's flu vaccine shortage, these clinics target individuals at high risk for health problems related to the flu according to the recently updated guidelines released by the Utah Department of Health.

According to Lewis Garrett, director of the Davis County Health Department, "Until now, we've been providing our limited flu vaccine to those people who are 65 years and older during flu clinics held at the county's three senior centers. At the same time, we've provided flu shots to homebound residents at risk for health complications."

"We now have more vaccine available than we did just a few weeks ago," he said. "We're able to move to the next level of protecting high-risk individuals by offering flu clinics with expanded categories for those people eligible to receive the vaccine under this year's guidelines," Garrett continued. "I highly encourage everyone who meets those guidelines to take advantage of these clinics to get a flu shot."

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The UDOH has updated the priority groups to include anyone who provides care for someone with chronic or long-lasting illnesses. The priority groups are now as follows:

- UPDATED: Adults 50-64 years of age (new)
- UPDATED: Providers of essential community services, such as police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and teachers (new)
- Caregivers of those with chronic illnesses, such as cancer or severely weakened immune systems (new)
- Children 6 months to 23 months of age
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Persons 2 years to 64 years with chronic medical conditions
- All women who will be pregnant during influenza season
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities
- Children 6 months to 18 years of age on long-term aspirin therapy
- Health care workers providing direct patient care
- Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children less than 6 months of age

The staff at the county health department reminds everyone to practice good hygiene to reduce the risk of getting sick, such as:

- Cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw away the tissue.
- Wash your hands with soap and water.
- Stay away from other people when you are sick.

For more information, call the Davis County Health Department's Flu Information Line at 451-3333.

Davis County Health Department Clinic Schedules:

Layton Clinic: 360 S. Fort Lane, Suite 3-A

Mondays: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesdays: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Farmington Clinic: 50 E. State Street, Annex Building

Tuesdays: 8a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Bountiful Clinic: 596 W. 750 S., Woods Cross

Thursdays: 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.